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## CRUSADE TO BE BEGUN ON DIRT SPOTS

The Board of Health held a meeting last night to start a warfare against the unsanitary conditions of the town. All members were present and a number of citizens interested in the movement for better conditions were also present. Judging from the expressions of the members and the general spirit of the meeting some people will pay for the filthy condition of their premesis more than it would have cost to comply with the health laws. All outside closets that are not constructed according to sanitary regulations will be done away with within the next five days and chose out of repair must be attended too or prosecutions will follow. Mr. Carter the garbage collector was present and told of the filthy condition of the cellar of the Moose club and stated that it was necessary to do the work at night as the dirt in the cellar had become obnoxious from a broken sewer. The health officer was instructed to look after this and other bad places today and to serve notices on the owners as well as the tenents of all such property. The tenement sections came in for some discussion and a motion was passed that all places where sleeping quarters are be adjusted according to health laws. Where from four to six occupants sleep in a small room the health officer will give instruction to reduce the number and people responsible for such conditions will be expected to live up to the law in this respect. The advisability of having a general cleanup at the expense of the taxpayers was discussed and the Board was of the unanimous opinion that this method of proceedure should not be adopted annually. Some members thought the jurisdiction of the Board of Health was not so far reaching as to warrent prosecutions for acts where public health was not jeopardized and that the authority did not reach to the compulsory displacing of tin cans and waste paper and other articles unless the public health was in question. The census of the meeting was to beg that the laws be enforced against all people who persist in keeping their premises in an unsightly condition. In the next five days the Health officer will make a report of his activities after which the board will proceed further with the unsanitary places throughout the town.

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## YOUNG MEN MEET WITH AN ACCIDENT

Last night about 10 o'clock while returning from a farm near Bentleyville Andrew Roth and Eugene Gildes, both of Monongahela, the latter being employed in the office of the Times at that place, met with an accident that came near turning out disastrously for both parties.

They were crossing the tracks of the Monongahela and Western branch of the P. R. R. at Frye's station and did not see nor hear the whistle of an approaching frieght train until the conveyance which they were in was on the tracks. Too late to go either way, the cow catcher of the engine struck the horse, farm wagon and occupants and hurled them over 50 feet from the scene of the accident.

The two men received minor injuries and are expected to experience no ill effects from their shakeup. The horse was killed and the wagon demolished. The place where the accident occurred is very dangerous to traffic owing to the fact that a large barn obstucts the view of the track from one side.

## JUVENILE MINSTRELS ARE FAVORITES AT THE STAR

Boyd's Juvenile Minstrels at the Star Theatre last night proved to be among the most pleasing attractions ever appearing before Monessen people, and it is alost a sure thing that everybody will see the children before they close their date. This company of child-actors and actresses are all most exceptionally clever and their work shows that they have been given most careful and perfect training, all working most harmoniously with Billy Mundy, the interlocutor, whose full strong voice helps the children along most pleasingly in their chorus work. The show opens with a number of high class specialties by Kenneth Hay, the boy tenor, Francesco Sisters, singing and talking comediennes, followed by the regular minstrel part, with Billy Mundy as interlocutor and Clarence Biglow and Anna Phiel with bones and Kenneth Hays and Evelyn Francesco the tambos. The jokes were original and bright, and the children's dancing was such as to elicit round after round of applause. The costuming is exceptionally fine, and the whole show was immensely pleasing to two large audiences.

## LADIES SPECIALLY INVITED

A special invitation is extended to the ladies to attend the Bellemore auction lot sale, in North Belle Vernon, Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, commencing at 1:30 p. m. each day; Distribution of silver souvenir spoons to the ladies at 1:30. Brass band concerts both afternoon.

### Notice to Dog Owners

Every person owning or harboring any dogs, whether licensed or not, within the borough limits are hereby directed to comply with all the requirements of an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance in relation to the licensing of dogs, regulating the running at large of the same and providing penalties for breaches of provisions of this ordinance."

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## THRILLING STORY OF BATTLE FOR LIFE GRAPHICALLY TOLD

### The Account Related Erom the Lips of Survivors Discloses New Phases of Catastrophe

For the past few days papers all over the country have been full of personal accounts gleaned from the lips of the survivors of the Titanic themselves, and it will no doubt be of great interest to our readers to glance over the following account of the thrilling rescue of five who reside here.

Eino Lindquist, aged about 25 years, had the most thrilling story to relate and his account is as follows: "I was a passenger in the third cabin and had been in bed about 2 hours when my room mate and I were awakened by people running to and fro on the deck. We hurriedly dressed ourselves and put on our heaviest clothes and our overcoats, the night being very damp and cold. Going out on the deck we saw the sailors lowering the lifeboats away, filled with women, with men at each end and in the middle to guide and row. My friend, Jussila, was called upon to help row one of the boats and I was left alone on the deck. Not realizing the extreme danger I was in at the time, I wandered around for about half an hour and came upon Mr. Hakkarainen who had just aided in putting his bride of three months into one of the boats. Together we watched until the last boat put off and saw many of the men who had been left on board make a vain effort to find a place on it but they were clubbed by the sailors in charge and some fell to a watery grave before the ship took its final plunge.

It was not long after the last boat had left that we began to realize the situation and then we began to look around for some avenue of escape when suddenly with a deafening sound the boilers blew up, the ship gave one final heave and sank slowly. Many of the men were crying pitifully and the wild chant of their wails could be heard above the lashings of the sea and the grinding crunch of the already splintering hull. The band was not playing when the ship sank or else I did not hear it but I did hear the pianos in the first and second cabins. Being on the third deck our section reached the level of the sea before that of the first and second cabins and the waves washed Mr. Hakkarainen and I into the ocean and the last words he said were, 'Good Bye.' Being a fairly good swimmer I exerted myself to the utmost and was able to reach the last life boat which was about 200 yards from where the ship went down and was taken on board.

We were picked up by the Carpathia about 4 hours later and our journey the rest of the way was harrowing in the extreme. Only 20 of our entire party had been saved, the remaining 45 having remained on board the doomed ship. We were not treated any too well on board the Carpathia although this was probably due in a great measure to the circumstances" Mr. Lindquist closed by stating that "I never wish to undergo the same experience again."

The remaining survivors who reached here yesterday morning have equally as tragic stories to relate. The women were eye witnesses to the final plunge of the great ocean grey hound and while the water was slowly but surely stretching out over the lower decks and drawing it into the sea prow first, all sounds ceased, men who seemed only as large as little ants were kneeling with uplifted faces, some leaped into the sea, others rushed widly about and with a final lurch the largest ship ever afloat sank. Nothing remained to relieve the intense blackness of the night but the stars twinkling overhead. The dull glow of the iceberg shone where the ship had been and its mocking shadow, smiling in its awful triumph, over the queen of the ocean was ghastly and faces were averted while the boats once more started away to be picked up later by the Carpathia.

Every member of the party are exceedingly nervous after their experiences and when describing the affair can only relate the circumstances brokenly so awful was the impression left. The survivors here are Mrs. Ellen Hakkarainen, Mrs. Mathew Hirvonen and daughter Hilda, Eric Jussila and Eino Lindquist. Mr. Hakkarainen is among the 1,600 odd victims who have been given up. He is the only one of the party bound for this place who is missing.

## THE OLYMPIC HAS TITANIC PICTURES

By a master stroke of enterprise Manager Sotus of the Olympic Theatre secured the first moving picture of the ill-fated steamer Titanic which was wrecked Monday with such a tremendous loss of life, and is showing them this afternoon and evening. The film showed in order, Captain Smith making the final inspection of the vessel from the Southhampton docks, the emergency telephone to be used

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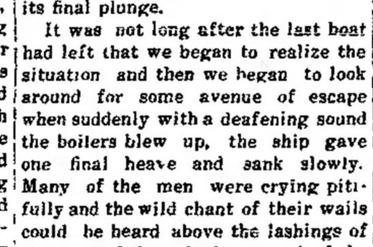

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## WORKING FOR ANOTHER DAILY TRAIN

Steps are being taken to have the P. & L. E. furnish another passenger train to and from the city daily. Workmen coming up the river would like to have a train arrive at Monessen around 7 o'clock a. m. The matter was brought before the Board of Trade Friday evening and it was decided to take the matter up with the company at once and see what can be done. There is no doubt but that if it can be shown to the company that there is a general demand all along the line for such accommodation that it will be forth-coming. A. G. Dunlap the local agent is co-operating in the movement and a report favorable or otherwise will likely be made at the next meeting of the board.

## DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Mary A. Venneri, wife of Frank Venneri of Schoonmaker avenue and Fifth street, died at 10 o'clock a. m., this Tuesday morning, April 23, 1912, age 51 years, after several months lingering illness. Deceased had taken pneumonia which drifted into pulmonary affection and eventually caused her death. For several weeks Mrs. Venneri's condition had been considered grave, but some time ago she rallied and for a time some hope was entertained for recovery, until the last week when she continued to grow weaker and weaker. Mrs. Venneri was Mrs. Philip Shepler and she was among Monessen's pioneers, being married to Mr. Venneri about a year. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and will be much missed among a wide circle of friends and church associates. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Harriet, the nineteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Daugherty of Reed avenue died at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, April 22, 1912, of gastro-entritis after being sick about six weeks. The remains were taken on the 11 a. m. train today., to Warren, Ohio, the family home, for burial.

Better get rid of bed bugs at house cleaning time. Kirk's Insect Chaser Kills 'em 25c at Kirk's.

## MONESSEN IS BADLY HEMMED IN

Monessen at the present time is hemmed in more than ever before in the history of the town. The road leading from here to Belle Vernon is closed from traffic on account of the heavy slides that came down from the hill during the recent heavy rains. There is no possible hope of having the road re-opened before the middle of summer and it wil have to be done then at considerable cost to the township if it is to be made safe. The road leading from Charleroi to Speers which is an approach to the Belle Vernon bridge is also closed and notices are posted at each approach warning the travelers of the dangers. This road may not be opened this summer on account of the construction of a new state highway along the river. The road leading from Monessen to Pricedale is closed on account of the construction of the new brick road. It would be impossible to get over it with safety. Present indications are that this road will not be completed this summer. There are at present less than fifty men working on a $75,000 project and it looks as thought there will be no directed effort made to have the road completed by the time specified in the contract which is July 1st, 1912. The weather at present is such as to permit grading and the like, in fact it is favorable for contractors but regardless of this the work on this road is not being pushed.

The road leading from here to Webster is as good as impassable. The mud is more than knee deep and the traffic that is forced to go by the road down the river encounters great danger in getting as far as Webster. Considering all these serious handicaps to the town it behooves Monessen people to again get busy and use the big stick in getting some of these road projects completed before another winter approaches. There is nothing to hinder the Pricedale road from being completed within the next four or five months if the contractor gets busy and it looks as though it is up to Monessen to force him to get busy.

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## Better Roads are Cheapest

New York State has for years presented a pretty good criterion to follow in road building, and as better roads, or practical, serviceable, common sensed road building is uppermost at this time in the minds of many in this end of the Keystone state—all over the state for that matter—it seems timely to present for consideration, discussion and dissection, a bit of the experience met by New York road makers, or more particularly road users. Many seem to not believe it, but most people with an eye to the real, the true and the practical side readily agree that good roads are costly, but not nearly as much so as bad ones.

Throuh the original project, under which $50,000,000 of bonds were issued contemplating the improvement of 12,000 miles of roads, only 3674 mils have been made, thus showing the expense to have been more than $13,000 a mile. A second issue is now being asked for by the commission of the improvement of $50,000,000 for 8,130 miles of road which remains untouched. More than that, the average cost per mile necessary for maintenance is shown to have been $1,001 during 1910 and during 1911 much less, and as a result many roads are very badly worn and in danger of destruction, so badly are they worn.

Excessively-loaded motor trucks have caused most of the damage, and the commission recommends that the legislature shall enact new laws fixing limits to the loads and speed of such vehicles. Regular freight lines have been established between large cities, and motor trucks have developed such capacity that no existing road, the report says, can carry their full loads.

The good roads problem thus involves the question of whether the state, by general taxation, shall build and maintain freight carrying highways. If it is to do so the railroads must be largely affected. The railroads have cost $40,000 to $50,000 a mile in most states, but their cost has not been borne by the public treasury."

The cost of maintenance of the improved roads in the Empire state seems large. It could probably be reduced if the new roads were made of brick.

In our own Western Pennsylvania care should be exercised and restrictions placed if the new roadway become overtaxed by heavy motor lines and the like, as has been the experience in our neighbor state.

## Evils of Talebearing

It is seemingly easy to guard one's self against enemies one knows to be enemies, or the so-called tricky ones who stand ever ready to sell out or trade on their friends' private interests or affairs where it is money in his pocket but a loss to the friend, but who is it that can safe guard their sacred private interests or feel secure in the presence of the gossipy, loose-tongued friends or employe—the one having a circle of equally pernicious, nebby, or loose-tongued acquaintances, who value your friend or employe's friendship only in proportion to the valuable news or information that can be purloined from right under your nose or from your business domain? Tale-telling can be excused or overlooked coming from the child of say twelve or fifteen years, but it is the duty of parents to be watchful on this particular point and curtail in a gentle, firm persuasive but impressive way the evils of tale bearing, or in other words, telling all one knows as in many cases, where the practice is allowed to go on and on with a child, he or she soon gets to telling more than they know, until by these added embellishments or products of their keen and active imaginations, a practically groundless little story reaches very dangerous and often injurious proportions. To allow this habit to grow almost invariably makes a really dangerous person. Dangerous in the home and dangerous about the business or counting room. There are some who offset many admirable qualities by the abominable one of telling all they know, no matter where they hear it, whence it comes, or who it injures.

When charmed with the fine presence and evident worth, for example, of a woman of whom everyone speaks well, why must one be told that she was a foundling? brought up in almost any old way until she was rescued by good people who made her what she is? She has given proof of her worth and ability for perhaps twenty years or more and who need care about her beginnings, any more than one would care to know that a magnificent rosebush was trampled under foot and came near dying in the first year of its existence? One does not care to hear of the family troubles and miseries of some of the dearest people one meets and have the attractive view of them in one's mind crossed by unhappy lines which only arouse the sympathy of souls worth knowing. Alas, that in this busy, humdrum, working world we cannot always choose friends or have them made to suit us! If you would learn the oldfashioned virtue of reticence, that is of keeping things to yourself, learn to talk about things and not persons, as trained diplomats do.


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## CHARTER NOTICE

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# CLASSIFIED ADS.

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FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished or unfurnished, for light house keeping. 123 McKee avenue. 72 3t-p

FOR SALE—Furniture company suite for seven rooms. Will sell real cheap to quick buyer. Address O, sealed this office. 72-3t-p

AGENTS WANTED—$5 to $7 daily selling New Fibre Brooms, 100 per cent profit; every woman will buy. Begin canvass at once. Samples by express, 30 cents. Wynne Broom Co., Elmira, N. Y. 66-6t-p

TWO LADIES—Wanted for outside work—wages $1.50 per day. Peoples Store, 520 Donner avenue, Monessen. 62 tf

## OLD FASHIONED BARBER BEST

**Writer Objects Strenuously to the "Tonsorial Artist" With His Atrocious Clothes and Talk.**

Scarce a man living but at times drifts into dreaming and picturing what he might do if he had wealth. Many—far too many!—aspire to something that may contribute to the sensational headlines. Here and there is one who merely inclines toward some modest benefaction. For our own part, suddenly finding ourself rich, we should like to devote much of it to eliminating the "tonsorial artists" from the field of barberdom; separating the tares from the wheat as it were.

The average "tonsorial artist" affects the most atrocious neckwear; dons a millionaire's vest with a millwright's trousers, and puts popular ideas of garb all at points. He talks glibly of scandal, horse races and hair restorer and eventually drives many a man to whiskers who is perfectly sane and normal otherwise. There are too many of him!

On the other hand the old fashioned "barber" knows his financial, mental and artistic limitations. He seldom feels better acquainted with you the second time over than he did the first. He assumes you know what you want better than he does and rarely forces his "extras." Mostly he is a good tradesman, cleanly and careful in his work. One of his stripe puts greater crimp in the safety razor business than all the "artists" combined. Bless him, there is not enough of him!—Buffalo News.

## POLITENESS OUT OF PLACE

**Old Lawyer Did Not Want His Client to Think He Could Get Free Advice.**

Politeness is politeness, but business is just business. One of the clerks of the supreme court tried to combine the two the other day, but hereafter he is going to attend strictly to business. He was anxious to destroy the common belief of many persons who visit the New York county courthouse that little courtesy is shown by the attaches to those seeking information. The clerk was standing in the corridor on the second floor when two men came along, one of them gray haired The younger one asked the elder the way out of the building. The clerk heard the query and at once told the questioner several ways he could get out. The older man turned on the clerk with the injunction to mind his own business, adding that he had been in the building before the clerk was born and could himself answer his companion. A little later the old man looked up the clerk and apologized, explaining that the man who wanted to know how to get out of the building was his client and that he did not want him to get the idea that he could receive free advice. "If he gets that notion," said the old practitioner, "I'll lose him as a client."

### Drilling With Diamonds.

A diamond bit for rock drilling is quite an expensive article. Its value, however, will undergo fluctuations, dependent upon the price of the diamonds Perhaps $800 is a fair value for a bit. The diamond used is exceedingly hard—harder than those usually used as jewelry. Their carat price is considerable, averaging, say, $60 a carat. The diamonds used will weigh from one to two carats, so that eight have a value ranging from $480 to $960, on the average. The loss of a bit means so many diamonds gone and may lead to difficulty with the hole. The diamond is not tough, but brittle. It will withstand heavy pressure if applied evenly and without shock. It can readily be seen that drilling through seamy rock may become quite unfavorable. If there is much quartz present the abrasion may become excessive. Under ordinary conditions, however, the wear on the diamonds, while considerable, is by no means prohibitive.—Cassier's Magazine.

### Read and Reflect.

If the reader, says the Providence Journal, after perusing the following description of the probable mode of the formation of the earth, given by an English scientific writer in a new volume, does not understand the process, he had better leave this "internal spherical vacuity," and go where bigger words are used: "A formal idea of the heaven and earth may be obtained by imagining the heaven as at first an effluviant generation from a monocentral point, occupying, or creating and occupying space; the earth, as the arrest or end of such generating action, with the gradual relaxation of central tension and abnegation of such center, the consequence being the formation of a huge internal spherical vacuity, termed in the Genetic record 'earth.'"

### Importance Recognized.

"Do you think that man fully appreciates the importance of the office to which we have elected him?" said one constituent.

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# LOCAL AND PERSONAL

L. H. Reeves of Coal Center is a business caller in town today.

Tomorrow, City Solicitor Adam Wyant will be in town to attend to his regular law practice.

Miss Lottie Laws n has returned to her home in Monongahela after spending a pleasent visit with Monessen friends.

A meeting of the members of the Presbyterian team is to be held this evening at 7 o'clock in Moore's furniture store.

Miss Pauline Neselmeyer has resigned her position in Goldberg's store at Belle Vernon and expects to take up a position here in a few weeks.

W. A. Reed left this morning for Pittsburgh where he will meet his family and bring them on here where they will take up there future residence.

Wm. C. Drumm has opened a lunch room near the corner of Donner avenue and Third street, and is doing a nice business Note his announcement on 4th page.

Mrs W. H. Wagoner and son, Sam are spending a few weeks at their summer home at Lake Brady, O., planting trees on a recently purchased farm. They are expected home in a short time.

Robert Wilson of Highland avenue left Saturday for Cambridge Springs for a short trip. Mr. Wilson has been ill for some time and goes to the well known health resort in the hope of recuperating

Charles Shrader the contracter is the proud possessor of an automobile having purchased the last year s Cadillac demonstrator from the local firm. When you see Charley coming you better switch.

W. S. Lewis is spending the day at the home of his son, W. B. Lewis in Monessen, who is suffering with typhoid fever. Mrs. Florence Anderson returned home last evening after spending several days at the Lewis home.—Monongahela Republican.

There is a change in the condition of Max Janavitz for the better. Mr. Janavitz for the past two weeks has been a very sick man and grave hopes were held out for his recovery. Friends will hail with joy the news of his improvement.

Eugene T. Lohman of the local office of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company has been promoted to the Gary Indiana office of the same company. Mr. Lohman will leave Saturday morning to assume his new duties.

Donora council met last evening and voted through a bond issue for $18,000. Of this amount $16,000 is to be used for the completion of a sewage system and the remainder for the improvement of streets in the borough An ordinance was also passed on first reading admitting South Donora into the borough proper.

Word received here today from Albert Critchley, who was for a time employed in the Independent office and made his home with Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Hughes of the Christian church, stating that he has a nice position in the publication department of the Western Electric & Machinery Co., at Turtle Creek, where he is now living with his brother.

There will be a meeting of the Church League this evening at the office of the Motz Lumber Co. The season will open in two weeks and great preparations are being made for the opening game which will be between the Lutheran and the Baptist teams.

# AN AMUSING CASE IS UP FOR HEARIOG

Enrico Bathiste an Italian aged about 28 years was arrested last evening on a charge of assault at the complaint of Lottie Williams aged 14 years and colored. The Williams girl alleges Bathiste tried to embrace her and that she slapped his face. Bathiste was arrested while on his way to the police station to have the girl arrested for slapping him. It was an extremely odd case and one that amused a large number of spectators at the hearing held this morning. Bathiste was fined $6 and costs.


## WHO?

Who will cook my wedding meal?
Who will bake my angel's food?
Who will serve a lunch that's real?
Who will bake a Lady Baltimore's cake?
Who will serve my dinner parties?
Who can bake a devil's food?
Who in the culinary art is fine?
Who's the cook that'll cater to you?
Why Mrs. Gwym, of course, call 186, ring two. It


## ORIGIN OF THE THREE BALLS DON'T TELL OF THEIR RICHES

### Familiar Sign of the Pawnbroker Really Is the Arms of the Medici Family.

Few persons seeing the signs of the vast wealth of our avuncular relatives in most thoroughfares in London pause to consider their origin. Of course it is the balls of gold to which we refer. Not only may they be taken as indications of wealth, but as a sign that pledges are received. But the balls do not indicate what they really are. They are the arms of the Medici family. Whoever has visited Florence will recall the three balls alternated with the red lilies. But how comes it that the decorations of the Tuscan palace have found their way to London?

The explanation is not difficult if we give the subject a moment's thought. The first gold changers to settle in London, as in Paris, were the Florentines or Lombards. They chose Lombard street as the place where they could carry on their business. These early settlers are perpetuated today by the bankers. In the early days the inhabitants counted among their number some of the Medici family and to inspire confidence they exhibited their family arms, to which they had a perfect right. The family of Medici is extinct today, but their arms survive them, the present users thinking the respectability of the origin too great to be dispensed with.—London Globe.

## ONLY TAKING OUT WRINKLES

### Woman Gives Her Gowns Steam Bath and Alarms the Entire Hotel Staff.

The couple had been traveling and the wife's gowns had got wrinkled. After dressing they went to the theater, having previously unpacked the trunks hung all the wrinkled dresses up in the bathroom and then filled the bathtub with hot water.

Not long after their departure persons passing along the corridor noticed something that looked like smoke coming out through the open transom, and an alarm of fire was given. One of the managers and a lot of porters and bellboys, some armed with fire extinguishers, rushed up to the scene. Things looked serious.

The manager produced his pass key and the brave followers prepared to rush in and distinguish themselves. The steam was so thick in the room that not a thing could be seen One look established that the vapor was not smoke. When the traveled couple got back to the hotel they found an irate manager and a lot of soaked frocks. The woman said she had often taken the wrinkles out of dresses by a steam bath and she didn't see why the hot water was kept so very hot anyhow, for goodness knew that nobody wanted to take a bath in boiling water.

### When She Phones.

"Business will be held up in this store for the next ten minutes," growled the impatioent man. "Even the prescription clerk is holding his breath. Two good looking women are getting ready to use the telephone. That is why. When a handsome woman talks over an open telephone everybody within earshot takes a vacation and listens. A plain woman might talk half a day and nobody would pay any attention, but a good looking woman at a public telephone draws a bigger crowd than the president of the United States. Everybody thinks she is going to say something worth hearing, and they become vitally interested."

"If you are in such a big hurry," said the impatient man's companion, "why don't you go down street and attend to that other errand while they are putting up your prescription here?"

"Oh, no," said the impatient man, "I want to hear, too."

### Deserved Reward Came Late.

Writing of the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of Ambroise Thomas, which took place a short time ago, Karl Delbitz says that the career of the great French composer furnishes another instance of achievement late in life. He was only seventeen years old when he had mastered the piano and the violin and was sent by his father, also a musician, from his home, in Metz, to the Paris Conservatory, where he won many prizes for his extraordinary work. "But he was fifty-five years old before his 'Mignon' was performed and at once placed him in the same class with the great performers," adds Delbitz. "When it had been performed in Paris 1,000 times the president of the republic invested Thomas with the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor. He lived to be eighty-five years old and enjoyed three decades of recognition."

### Servile Functions.

"You may break, you may shatter, the vase if you will—"

He paused and bent a severe look upon his young wife

"But it is customary in our station of life," he went on, "to leave that sort of things to servants."—Puck.

### By Degrees.

"We want our product known from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

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"In that case I'd start at Panama where it isn't so far from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and work gradually up."

### Great Britain Has Many Millionaires Who Keep Quiet About Their Great Wealth.

"While people in Europe marvel at the big incomes of our American magnates," said Arthur Albert Brooks, late of London, who has come to this side for permanent residence, "it must be admitted that there are many men in Great Britain who are blessed with large incomes and are careful to make no reference to the fact that the newspapers. Possibly England has as many millionaires to the population as this country, but it would be disputed offhand by any one who had not taken the pains to look up the figures.

"They are reaching out in England for a higher tax on incomes, and it was the operation of this new law that brought forth the information. In the United Kingdom there are more than 10,000 persons with an income of more than $50,000 a year. They average $63,000 a year each. There are 20 men in commercial pursuits who have an income each of more than $250,000.

"I am told that you can find 20 men in one business block down town in New York city with that income, and anxious to double it. Possibly in some of your industrial towns you have groups of millionaires who will laugh at our claims in England of large incomes. But our average to the population will keep up well.

"The agregate gross income of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom is more than $5,000,000,000, and the average to each inhabitant will compare favorably with the annual incomes of citizens on this side of the water."

## KILLING OFF THE MOSQUITO

### Much Has Been Done With Crude Petroleum, and the Fish Experiment Works Well.

According to those who have given much time to the question of destroying the mosquito, considerable progress has been made in that direction in the last few years Many of the breeding places have been wiped out in New Jersey and Staten Island, but unfortunately enough still remain to give the insects plenty of chance to multiply. Crude petroleum has been used with good effect in places where the drainage is bad, but this, of course, can bring only a temporary cessation of breeding.

The fish experiment is said to have been used successfully in the Barbados All the swamps and ponds were stocked some years ago with a species of fish that feed on the larvae of the mosquito. These fishes multiply rapidly and thrive in the West Indian waters. In a short time there were millions of them in the swamps and ponds, and it was observed that mosquitos were comparatively scarce in the islands.

The success of this experiment led to the stocking of standing waters in Jamaica a year or two ago, and the health authorities of that island report a considerable diminution of fever as a result of the destruction of the mosquito larvae.

### "Mule" Stampeded.

It was in the battle of Stone River, a raw Hoosier recruit in one of Grose's regiments got very much interested in the fight. It was the first time he smelled fire. He had been long enough in the army to learn its slang, and he used it zealously. The fellow fought like a tiger. He loaded in a good deal less than "nine times," and fired whenever he could see a head. His whole soul was in it. Every time he leveled and fired he shouted: "Here's your mule." snap bang, "here's your mule'" At about the twentieth round a confederate sharpshooter struck him in the left arm He looked at the wound with amazement and with a sort of spasm, ejaculated "they've shot me!" then laying down his musket carefully, and stripping off his accoutrements he also laid them down deliberately, and ran to the rear with frantic energy. It was evident that "here's your mule" had stampeded. The officer who described the affair said it was the most ludicrous incident he had ever witnessed on a battlefield "Rosey" laughed at it until the tears rolled down his cheeks.

### Boss Among Vultures.

The most beautifully colored of all vultures belong to the New World family; it is the true king vulture of South American forests. Its plumage is of a delicate cream, with black quills, and the bare head is brilliantly colored with red and orange.

This handsome bird exercises regal authority over black vultures and turkey buzzards, in the same way as the Pondicherry vulture does over griffons, etc., so that if any dissatisfied Indian vulture succeeded in reaching South America, he would find some new bosses awaiting his arrival.

The American boss, however, is not as large and strong as his Indian relative named Pondicherry. Both of these bosses, it should be mentioned, are much more strikingly colored than the subjects over which they exercise authority—Rosary Magazine.

### Awkward.

This is how "salvation" wwas being brought about. A captain in the "Army," noted for his erudition and enthusiasm, said: "If you look to the hens they never so much as take a drink of water without raising their bills in token of2grattiude. Oh, that we were all hens!" To which there was an unanimous response of "Amen!"

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in case of storm, the first, second and third cabin promenades, the loading of passenger's baggage, the forward view of the three cabin decks and finally the thousands cheering as the boat laden with its precious human freight moved away on its fatal voyage. Probably the most striking of all the pictures is the view of the second cabin deck. This picture gives one a clearer conception of the immensity of the steamer. The last view is also peculiarly striking, showing as the Titanic moves out of the dock. Then comes a realizing of the terrible catastrophe which sent 1,700 souls into eternity. Showing today. Don't miss seeing this great picture.

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## News Notes of Society

On Saturday afternoon from two until five, little Miss Frances Ferrell of 222 McKee avenue was "at home" to forty-seven of her youngster friends, in honor of her seventh birthday anniversary. The weather being ideal, the little company enjoyed to the fullest degree the lawn play and open air games. These happy little people were chaperoned by Mrs Ferrell, mother of the honor guest, who seen to it that they spent a happy afternoon. A dainty luncheon was served and the little hostess received many pretty and useful gifts from her young friends, all of which are much appreciated and highly prized. At the hour to go home, all were joyous and tired out from the afternoon's romp, yet in the most enthusiastic manner wished little Miss Frances many more equally happy birthday anniversaries in her life to come.

## PEOPLES FORUM

This column is devoted to the expression of the opinion of our readers and in no wise denotes the paper's opinion on, or sympathy with, any question involved.

Editor Daily Independent:—

I notice from day to day in your valuable paper stories of Monessen's unsanitary condition. Accounts of meetings held by the Board of Trade, Board of Health, and even church meetings being held and all manner of criticisms hurled at the people, charging them with wilful neglect and wanton filthiness.

Now, in the writer's mind, these meetings are held, criticisms and suggestions advanced with all good intent and purpose, but the real fact has not been pointed out in many instances.

To my personal knowledge, many have, as much as three weeks ago cleaned up their yards, raked and gathered the winter's accumulation of general unavoidable matter, such as cans, sticks, stones, and the result of paper and waste burnings during a hard winter, notified the garbage man it was ready, repeatedly asked that it be removed, and still it lays there. Now, how can the individuals help themselves? They are ready and willing to pay for the service, yet don't get it. True, the garbage man was inconvenienced three day by not having a place to dispose of this refuse matter, but it does seem that an injustice is being heaped and placed, to a great degree, on the people when they do not deserve it. At a time like this, the one or ones in charge of keeping the town clean and healthy should put on teams sufficient to at once clean up all the rubbish, etc., for those who have it ready and are only too anxious to have it away and out of sight, then let the law "come into its own" and do the rest. It would seem to that a town might get better service and get it when most needed, by having an arrangement to care for it within itself than it does by letting it out to private interests.

Sanitary.

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## MAKING RAIN WITH ROCKETS

### Experiments Tried With Considerable Success on a Coffee Plantation in Southern India.

Experiments made to ascertain whether the discharge of explosives during cloudy weather produces rain fall are described in a letter from James Stanes.

"Some years ago," he says, "an experiment was tried in the Cuddapah district of southern India with considerable success. I am part owner of an estate in the Seramully hills, which is situated in a particularly dry zone. For several seasons poor coffee crops withered away from lack of rain during July and August.

"When I was visiting the estate in July, 1905, I noticed that heavy clouds gathered every afternoon and I thought that if we had been in a position to fire explosive rockets from the highest peak of the hills, about 4,500 feet, a shower of rain might have been produced.

"I therefore arranged to have a supply of rockets kept on the estate and fired off every afternoon at the rate of one rocket every five minutes, but only when the condition of the atmosphere was such that heavy rain threatened on all sides.

"Whether rain has fallen in response to these explosives or not the fact remains that ever since we first tried the experiment we have been fortunate enough to catch sufficient moisture to enable the crops to survive the drought."

Firing into the clouds with the object of causing rain was practiced for several years in southern Germany, Switzerland and France, but seems to have been abandoned some time ago. The idea was to protect the vineyards and other cultivations from damage by hailstones, it being thought that by the discharge of large guns rain would fall and that the danger from hailstorms would be averted.—London Daily Mail.

### Both Delighted.

Two elderly gentlemen, both decently clothed in sober black, were sitting side by side in a Euclid avenue car, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Each was reading a morning paper. Suddenly one of the men uttered an exclamation of pleasure and the other peered at him over his glasses.

"I see here," explained the first with a beaming face, "that Mr. B., who died last week, has left his entire fortune to various charitable enterprises. This will be a surprise to his many relatives. It is to me a glad surprise in my case, for I am the pastor of a church to which he has left $10,000."

The second man looked at the article and his face, too, became wreathed in smiles. "God bless him!" he exclaimed heartily. "All to charitable institutions in spite of his relatives! Ah, sir, I like to see money left like that. I do, indeed!"

"Are you also a clergyman?"

"No, sir, I am a lawyer."

## PARIS LIKES WHITE CANARY

### New Songbird Is Most Popular in the Gay Capital and Fetches High Price.

The Parisian has an amiable little weakness for the canary. Every street echoes to the song of this noisy bird, and in the holiday time, when families are away, there are concierges whose more or less restricted quarters are positively cumbered with cages of canaries left in their charge by absent tenants.

But in or out of the season the bird market is held every Sunday in the year in the City Island and a lively trade in canaries is always done. The best songsters in the market come from an old house close by the market, where lives an ornithologist who spends his life in teaching canaries to sing, and he has now, after some years of effort, produced a pure white canary with a song as powerful and sweet as any yellow or green bird ever sold.

The supply of the white canary being at present strictly limited, those that were sold last Sunday fetched comparatively high prices; but they had all the honors of the day, and for the few hours that they adorned the stall they were the center of an admiring and wondering crowd. There are plenty of canaries that are nearly white, but this bird is as white as a dove, without any speck of yellow on his plumage.

The Parisian has his own special way of transporting his canaries to the cage that awaits them at his home. The bird is placed in a small paper bag and pinned to the lapel of his coat. —Paris Correspondence London Standard.

## UNCLE HIRAM TO HIS NEPHEW

### He Hopes the Boy Will Turn Out to Be Good Judge of Men, When His Turn Comes.

"Stevey, my boy," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful nephew, "I hope it will turn out that you are a good judge of men, for by virtue of that quality a man is able in effect to multiply his own power.

"It is a common thing to hear people say that the more pay a man gets the less work he does, and as to the doing of actual labor this may be true; somebody else saws the wood while he sits by the fire.

"As a matter of fact there are plenty of men high up who still work hard, and all of them certainly worked hard when they were younger, and if they are doing less actual labor now it is because they are good judges of men, able to pick out for the business under their direction just the right men to do the work and carry it forward successfully.

"Really it is in the exercise of this gift that we find the greatest value in a manager; it is just this that makes him worth his high pay. We want him to sit around and take things easy and give himself time to think and keep his head clear. We don't want him to get out and chop down trees; we want him to be able to select men who can do that work to the greatest advantage and with the greatest economy.

"Some of us know men on sight and some don't. I hope, Stevey, that you will turn out to be a good judge of men."

### Always a Fly in the Ointment.

The two old cronies happened to be taking an automobile ride through the fruit belt.

"Rammage," observed the man with the cropped mustache, "this is a land of plenty. I could be perfectly happy here."

"You wouldn't though, Ruggles," returned the man with the auburn beard. "I'll bet you a dollar that the first man you congratulate on his prosperity will put up a howl about his hard luck."

"You're on."

Ten minutes later they stopped at a farmhouse, ostensibly to get a drink of water.

"You've got the finest yield of grapes in that vineyard," casually remarked Ruggles, "I ever saw in my life."

"Yes," gloomed the fruit raiser; "I've got too gash-blamed many grapes this year. I can't git half enough baskets to ship 'em in."

"Rammage, you win," said Ruggles.

And they rode on.

### She Knew Harry.

"Now, Harry, go to Smith's, the grocer, and get a pound of the best syrup," said his mother, and she handed the young hopeful a couple of good-sized jugs. When the boy had gone the vicar's wife said:

"You didn't tell him to get anything in the other jug. Is he going to leave it at the shop?"

"No, ma'am; he's going to bring it back here again."

"But why send two jugs to get a pound of syrup?"

"Well, you see, it's this way. If he has a jug in each hand, he can't go dipping his finger in the syrup and eating it as he comes along."

### Not the Conservatory.

Young Lady—The Musical conservatory is in this building, isn't it?

Janitor—No, mum; the Musical conservatory is 'bout two blocks down street.

Young lady, dubiously—I—I was sure I heard pupils practicing vocal exercises. Are you sure the Musical conservatory is not here?

Janitor—Yes'm. Nothin' here but dentists' offices, mum.—New York Weekly.

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